

THE GAZETTE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 29, 1858

HUNTING IN THE ALLEGHIANES OF MARYLAND.

From a graphic description of a hunt in the Alleghany-mountain range of Maryland, and of the glorious scenery of that portion of the State known as the Alpine plateau, we extract so much as relates to the famous hunter-hunter, Mesback Browning and his descendants—who mainly composed the hunting party—their skill as marksmen, and to a trial of the shooting qualities of the test rifle used by the bear hunter when pitted against the wilds of Maryland. The account is from the pen of a gentleman who once had much celebrity as a hunter in the West, and who had renewed the wood sports of his early life after many years spent in literary pursuits.

"I cannot close without telling you that my mountain companions were as noble and sensible fellows as I have ever been my fortune to meet. They were all Roman Catholics in their forms and presence, and an army of such, with a Washington or a Jackson to lead, could hold the despotism of the world in awe, and an oligarchy at home that would govern the People and overthrow the liberties of the Union. They were, for the most part, descendants of Mesback Browning, now the octogenarian chief of the bear hunters of the mountains, where his infancy, manhood, and old age have been spent. He has the look of one born to command in the midst of the Alleghianes. No man ever had a head so much like General Jackson's—the same prominent, firm-set, and resolute Roman nose, with the same gleaming eyes—sometimes crossing themselves in lightning, sometimes in the soft radiance of the rainbow made of tears. He has the same thin, elevated, gray forehead, crowned with a crest of thick, curly hair, lifted like the roused eagle's.

"This venerable man, who has been a hunter all his life, and made his living and portioned off his offspring, now amounting to 122, with mountain freeholds acquired by his gun, may well be considered the patriarch of this region. He has always been looked upon as an illiterate man, as the foremost among the people for sound sense, integrity, heroic courage, kindness, generosity, and courtesy. Although he never had more than six months' schooling, he writes a strong, legible hand, and has a native eloquence and talent for conversation which makes all willing listeners, no matter who compose the company. His friends have persuaded him to write the incidents and adventures of his life. It may well be entitled 'The Life of a Hunter.' For the greater art of a century, and amidst the wild and grandest scenes of our country, he has been one of the highest and most romantic castles.

"I read as much of his story in manuscript as my active pursuit of the same enjoined in the same region would permit, and was charmed to perceive that enough remained of the original grandeur of the wilderness and of the luxuriance and beauty of the creation, animate and inanimate, that belongs to it, to verify the graphic descriptions of his pages, and justify the enthusiasm that impelled so much genius in the career of a hunter. His narration is given in all the simplicity of Robinson Crusoe, but it has the advantage of a vividness and strength of expression and of spirit, supported by the attendant circumstances recounted, that distinguishes reality from fiction. The story of the exploits of the hunter, Cummings, among the unwieldy game of Africa, although it attains verisimilitude in the same way, has not equal interest for me. Cummings is a military tactician and scholar, and does his work like a disciplinarian turned hunter. Our Sachem of the Mountains is a natural-born hunter, educated solely in Nature's own school, and gifted, by Nature, to tell her story eloquently and truly.

"But, from the school of military tactics, I suppose this hero of hunters (who may be said to have conquered the Alleghianes with the old long rifle) by the display of a little polished 20-inch gun, as easily wielded as a pistol, which he and the whole tribe of hunters, after repeated experiments, were obliged to confess excelled all the rifles they had ever seen. It was the breech-loading, self-priming rifle, invented by Dr. Maynard, a gentleman who probably had his mind turned to the improvement of weapons by his military studies at West Point, Virginia, where, a goodly company were assembled, and examining Maynard's gun with mingled curiosity and distrust, and some derision, I modestly proposed a shooting match. A hundred and fourteen yards were stepped off as a pretty good test for a hunting gun. Some half dozen rifles of the best repute were tried against the por-gun, and all were beaten. The surveyor of the county made his experiments with it, which proved equally honorable for himself and the gun. Also some of the best shots among the hunters tried with equal success and self-congratulation. The little gun became a favorite. Subsequently on the other side of the valley, near the Pennsylvania line, where we had an accession of comrades, another trial was made with Maynard's against the mountain gun, shooting the distance of 232 yards. In this experiment the little gun was always close to the mark; the others nowhere—a sharp-shooting marksman and eager hunter would test the thing with a rest for both himself and gun, and nearly drive the centre.

"A fine marksman, who had a Harper's Ferry rifle of great celebrity, resolved to try both from his own shoulder. The little gun cut the paper; the big one missed the tree. The surveyor of the county tried his hand again, and kept eyes with it, and made a line shot just above the paper. On this the great bear-killer declared he never in his life had shot a better shot. He then took his long rifle and fired; it would have been such a admirable, by its quick loading, for his hand-to-hand fight with the bear in defence of his dog in the laurel thickets, and for long shots from mountain to mountain over the precipitous gorges which divide them along the Savage river. It only wanted, he said, the hair-trigger and a little addition to its length, to pose it at arm's length, to make the pieces perfect."

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Buff, Drab, Green, Blue, and White Window Shades, and all the most improved Shade Fixtures. Landscapes, Wall Paper, and Venetian Blinds, REED BLINDS, and PAPER SHADES.

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JOHN H. PARROTT.

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de 8 JOHN H. PARROTT.

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Our new establishment, GIBSON'S MINA on the Monongahela River, gives us unequalled facilities for making Whiskies of the choicest kind, from malted and kiln-dried grain.

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JOHN GIBSON, SONS & CO. Philadelphia, oct 11-dly

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